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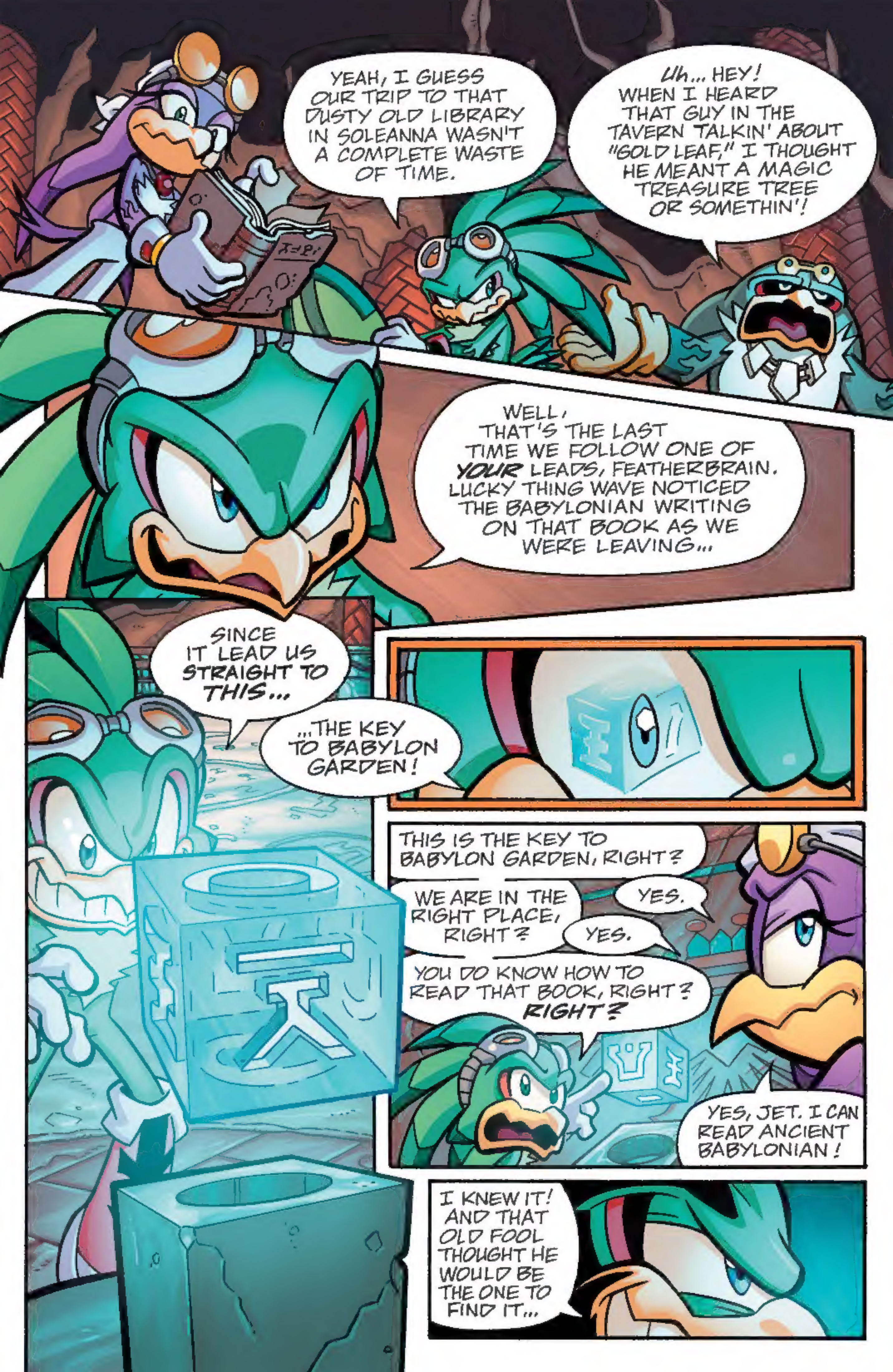
WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS--A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE **SEGA** GAMES! WE JOIN THAT MYSTERIOUS BAND OF TREASURE HUNTERS KNOWN AS THE **BABYLON ROGUES** AS THEY FIND THEIR LATEST, AND PERHAPS GREATEST, TREASURE YET!

TO THINK WE MUST'VE FLOWN OVER THE GIGAN MOUNTAINS A HUNDRED TIMES, AND THIS WAS HIDING HERE ALL THE WHILE!

WELL, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO EASY TO FIND WITHOUT THIS BOOK WE CAME ACROSS AFTER THAT SOL EMERALD FIASCO!

SEE **SU** ISSUES 21-24. THEY ROCK!

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YEAH, I GUESS
OUR TRIP TO THAT
DUSTY OLD LIBRARY
IN SOLEANNA WASN'T
A COMPLETE WASTE
OF TIME.

Uh... HEY!
WHEN I HEARD
THAT GUY IN THE
TAVERN TALKIN' ABOUT
"GOLD LEAF," I THOUGHT
HE MEANT A MAGIC
TREASURE TREE
OR SOMETHIN'!

WELL,
THAT'S THE LAST
TIME WE FOLLOW ONE OF
YOUR LEADS, FEATHERBRAIN.
LUCKY THING WAVE NOTICED
THE BABYLONIAN WRITING
ON THAT BOOK AS WE
WERE LEAVING...

SINCE
IT LEAD US
STRAIGHT TO
THIS...

...THE KEY
TO BABYLON
GARDEN!

THIS IS THE KEY TO
BABYLON GARDEN, RIGHT?

WE ARE IN THE
RIGHT PLACE,
RIGHT?

YES.

YES.

YOU DO KNOW HOW TO
READ THAT BOOK, RIGHT?
RIGHT?

YES, JET. I CAN
READ ANCIENT
BABYLONIAN!

I KNEW IT!
AND THAT
OLD FOOL
THOUGHT HE
WOULD BE
THE ONE TO
FIND IT...

"I REMEMBER THE SMUG LOOK
ON THE BATTLE LORD'S FACE.
I CAN'T WAIT TO WIPE IT OFF!"

BATTLE BIRD ARMADA
FORTRESS, YEARS AGO...

I MUST THANK YOU FOR
DEIGNING TO ANSWER MY
SUMMONS, JET, AS IT
SEEMS OBEDIENCE IS
NOT YOUR DEFINING
QUALITY.

I
SUPPOSE--

AS GRAND BATTLE KUKKU
THE 15TH AND BATTLE LORD
OF THE MIGHTY BATTLE BIRD
ARMADA, IT IS ESSENTIAL
THAT THOSE UNDER MY
COMMAND OBEY WITHOUT
QUESTION IN ORDER TO
FULFILL THE GREAT DESTINY
THAT IS BEFORE US.

BUT--

AS ALL LOYAL
MEMBERS OF OUR AVIAN
ARMY AVOW, IT IS THE
SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF WE
BIRDS TO DOMINATE THE SKY
AND ALL BENEATH IT! WE
ARE POISED TO STRIKE!
WE NEED ONLY TO
SWOOP...

...AND
SEIZE WHAT
IS OURS!

OUR--?

YOU HAVE GREAT SKILL,
JET, BUT YOU LACK FAITH.
OUR MISSION WILL
SUCCEED WHEN WE HAVE
REGAINED THAT WHICH
HAS BEEN LOST FOR
SO LONG.

YOU
MEAN--

YES! THE GREAT RELIC
OF OUR ANCESTORS. THE
BABYLON GARDEN! **WE** WILL
FIND IT TOGETHER! AND
THEN THE ARMADA WILL USE
ITS LEGENDARY POWER TO
SUBDUE ALL WHO STAND
IN OUR--

Eh, YOU
HAVE FUN WITH
THAT.

SORRY, YOUR KUKKUNESS,
BUT DOMINATING THE WORLD
ISN'T WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR.
I MEAN, WHO WANTS THAT
KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY?
FINDING THE BABYLON GARDEN
DOES SOUND LIKE A GOAL
WORTHY OF MY EFFORTS,
THOUGH. MAYBE I'LL LET
YOU KNOW WHEN I
FIND IT.

I ADMIRE YOUR GALL,
BUT NO ONE SIMPLY WALKS
AWAY FROM THE BATTLE BIRD
ARMADA. PERHAPS SOME
TIME IN THE BRIG WILL
REKINDLE YOUR FERVOR
FOR OUR CAUSE!

THAT OLD DODO.
HE'LL SEE SOME
FERVOR ONCE WE
FIND BABYLON
GARDEN!

AND
THAT GLOWY
CUBE IS THE
KEY TO THE
BABYLON
GARDEN,
RIGHT?

YES,
STORM,
IT IS.

SO WHAT
IS THE
BABYLON
GARDEN?

WELL, NO ONE KNOWS FOR
SURE. THE GARDEN WAS LOST
LONG BEFORE EVEN THE RISE OF
THE BATTLE KUKKUS. SOME SAY
IT'S A GREAT TREASURE TROVE
OF WEALTH AND KNOWLEDGE.
SOME THINK IT MIGHT BE A
FORTRESS OR AN ANCIENT
WEAPON OF SOME KIND.

SO NO
FLOWERS?

PROBABLY
NOT.

WHO WANTS
FLOWERS ANY-
HOW? THE GLORY
OF FINDING IT IS
WHAT I'M
AFTER!

BE CAREFUL,
JET! IT MAY BE
BOOBY-
TRAPPED!

WE'VE BEEN HUNTING
TREASURE A LONG TIME,
WAVE. I KNOW A TRAP
WHEN I SEE ONE!

Deet!

MMMM

HHHMMMM

UH, JET?
YOU **SURE**
THIS AIN'T
A TRAP?

SOMETHING IS
POWERING UP!

BATTLE BIRD ARMADA
FORTRESS ...



BABYLONIAN
ENERGY
SIGNATURE
DETECTED

TWEET-
TWEET!
TWEET-
TWEET!





NEW MOBOTROPOLIS



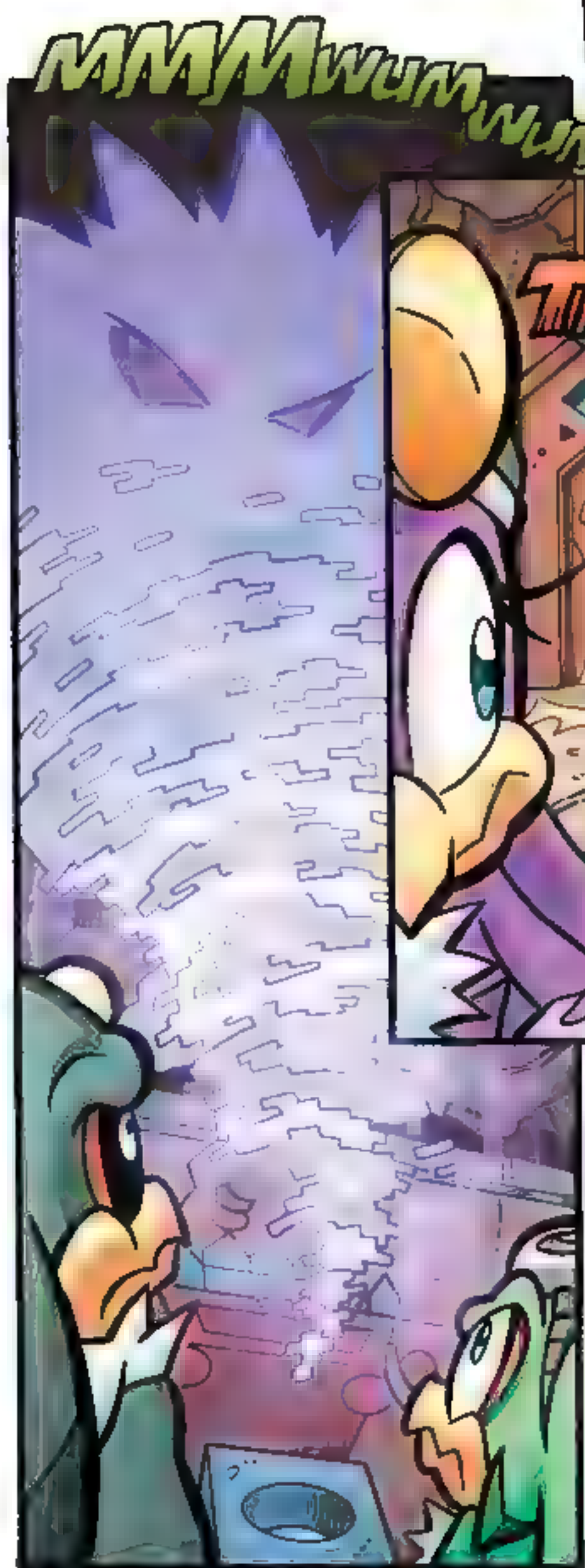
NICOLE, HAVE YOU NOTICED THIS UNIDENTIFIED ENERGY SIGNATURE YET?

NO, ROTOR. I FIND THAT I'M NOT ABLE TO FOCUS CLEARLY AT THE MOMENT.*

*OUR HEROES HAVE JUST BEEN THROUGH THE UNSETTLING EVENTS OF "GENESIS." SEE **STH** ISSUES 224-230.



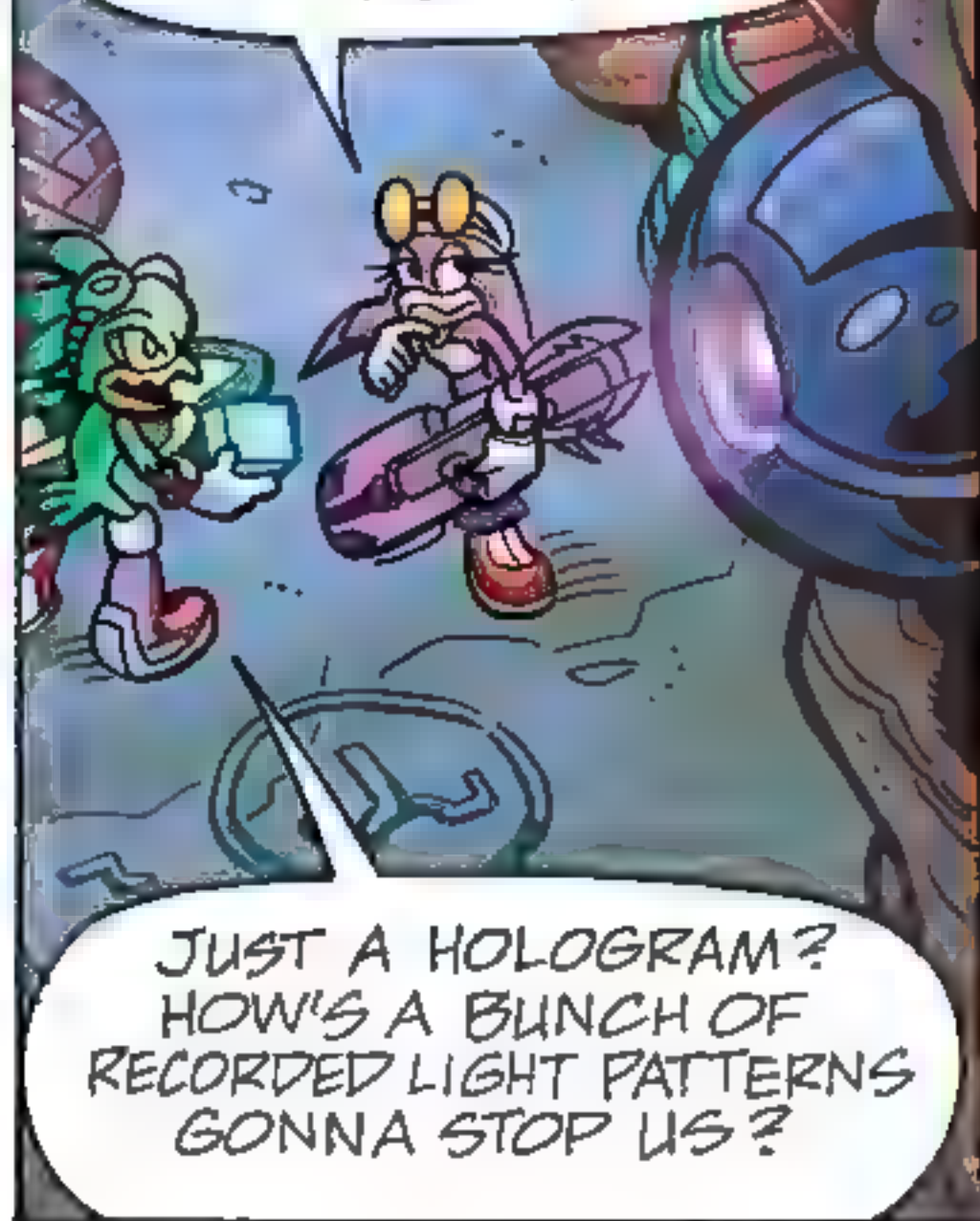
I'M SORRY, NICOLE. I JUST TRY TO FOCUS ON THE WORK AT HAND TO HELP ME GET THROUGH. I, uh... I THINK WE SHOULD GO OVER SOME NEW SECURITY MEASURES I MENTIONED TO ELIAS.



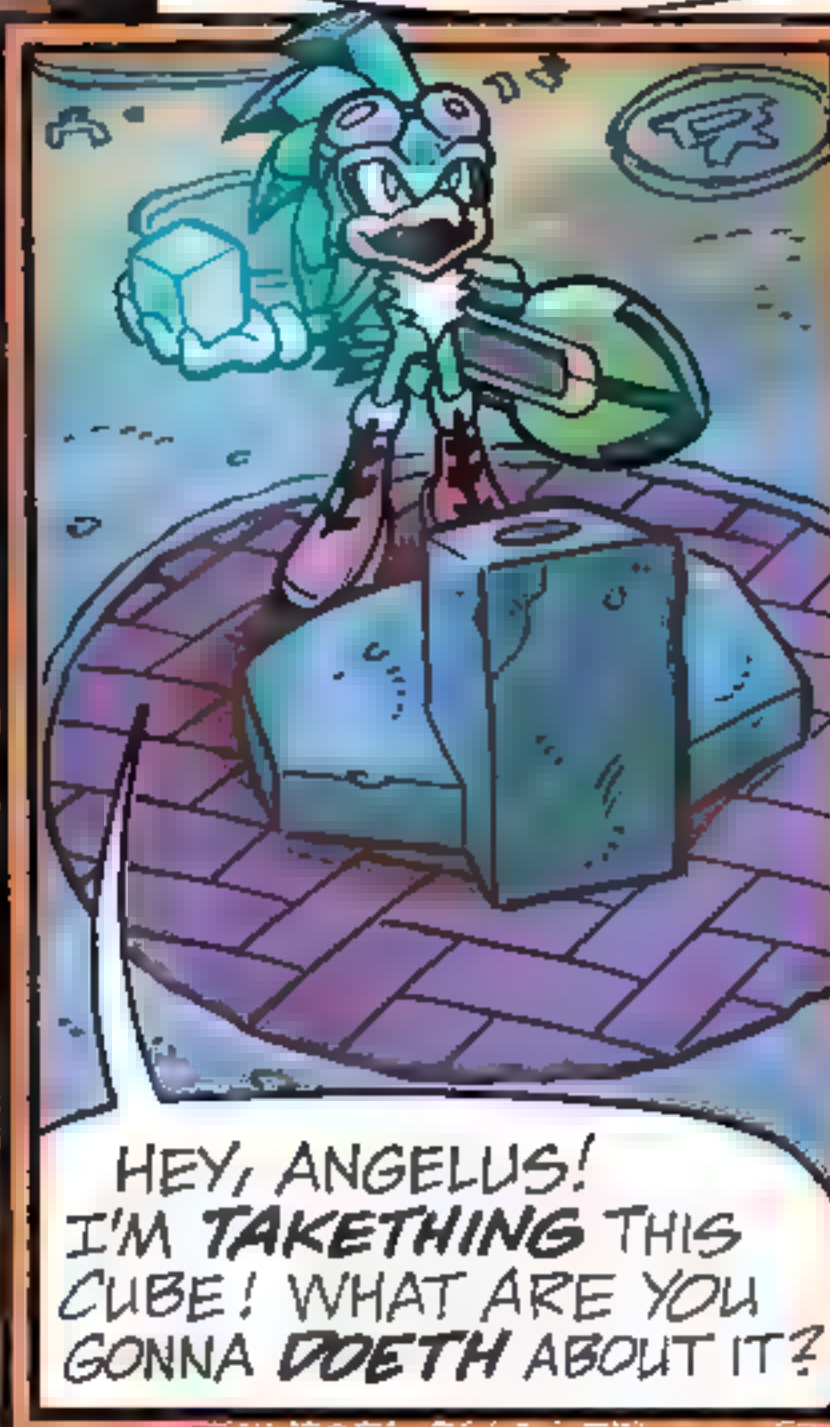
MMMMWUM
WUMWUM
KER
THAM!

HALT! THOU
HAST TAKEN THAT
WHICH HATH BEEN
PLACED HERE BY THE
CHILDREN OF BABYLON!
RETURN WHAT THOU HAST
REMOVED OR FACE THE
CONSEQUENCE!
SO SPEAKETH
ANGELUS, BABYLON
GUARDIAN!

Hmm. THIS "ANGELUS"
APPEARS TO BE A
HOLOGRAM. I CAN
SEE A PROJECTOR
UP ABOVE.



JUST A HOLOGRAM?
HOW'S A BUNCH OF
RECORDED LIGHT PATTERNS
GONNA STOP US?



HEY, ANGELUS!
I'M **TAKETHING** THIS
CUBE! WHAT ARE YOU
GONNA **DOETH** ABOUT IT?



CHUCK!

MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'TA ASKED, JET.

YA THINK?!

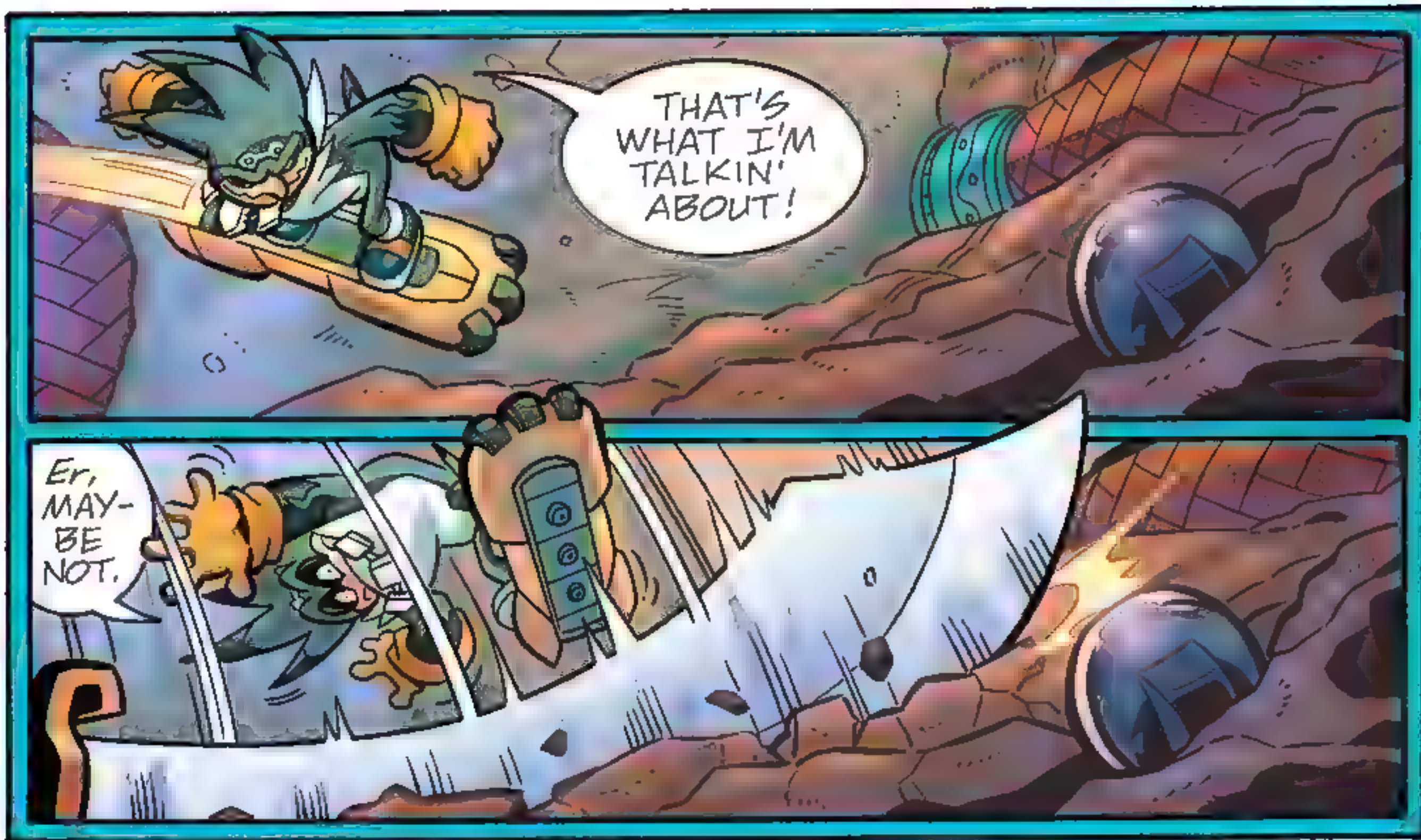
AH! FORCE FIELD ENHANCED HOLOGRAPHY ALLOWING FOR CORPOREAL INTERACTION. I HAD NO IDEA THE ANCIENT BABYLONIANS WERE SO TECHNICALLY ADVANCED!

FASCINATING! HOW DO WE MAKE THIS HIGH-TECH WATCHDOG HEEL?

IF THE FORCE FIELDS ARE DISABLED, THE RECONSTRUCTION BEAMS WILL CEASE TO HAVE ANY TANGIBLE EFFECTS, THUS REVERTING THE HOLOGRAM TO A PURELY VISUAL STATE AND RENDERING IT HARMLESS.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

SMASH THE SHINY PROJECTORS!



HEY, BIG GUY!
I'M A BIRD! I
DON'T NEED
FLYING
LESSONS!

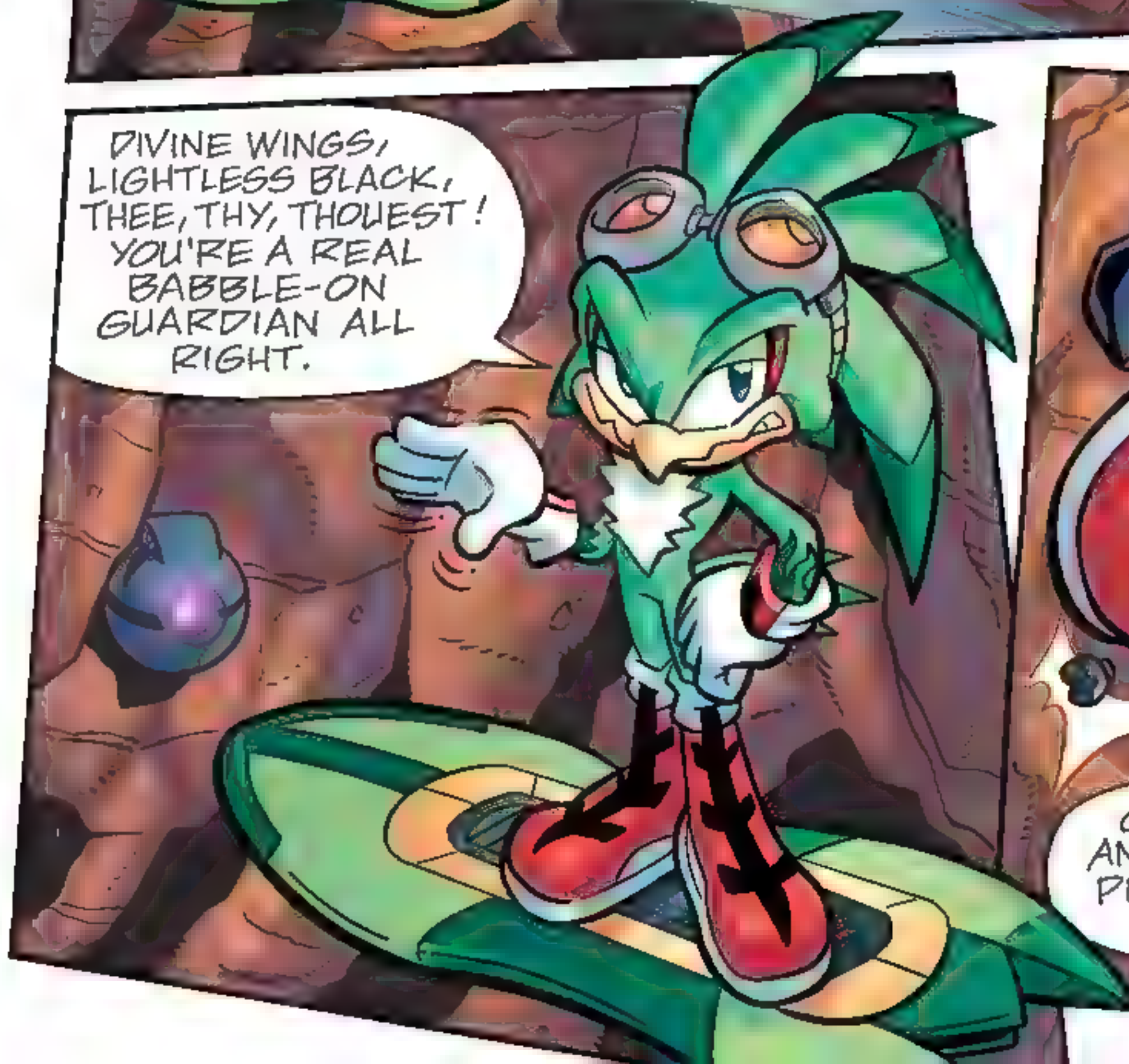
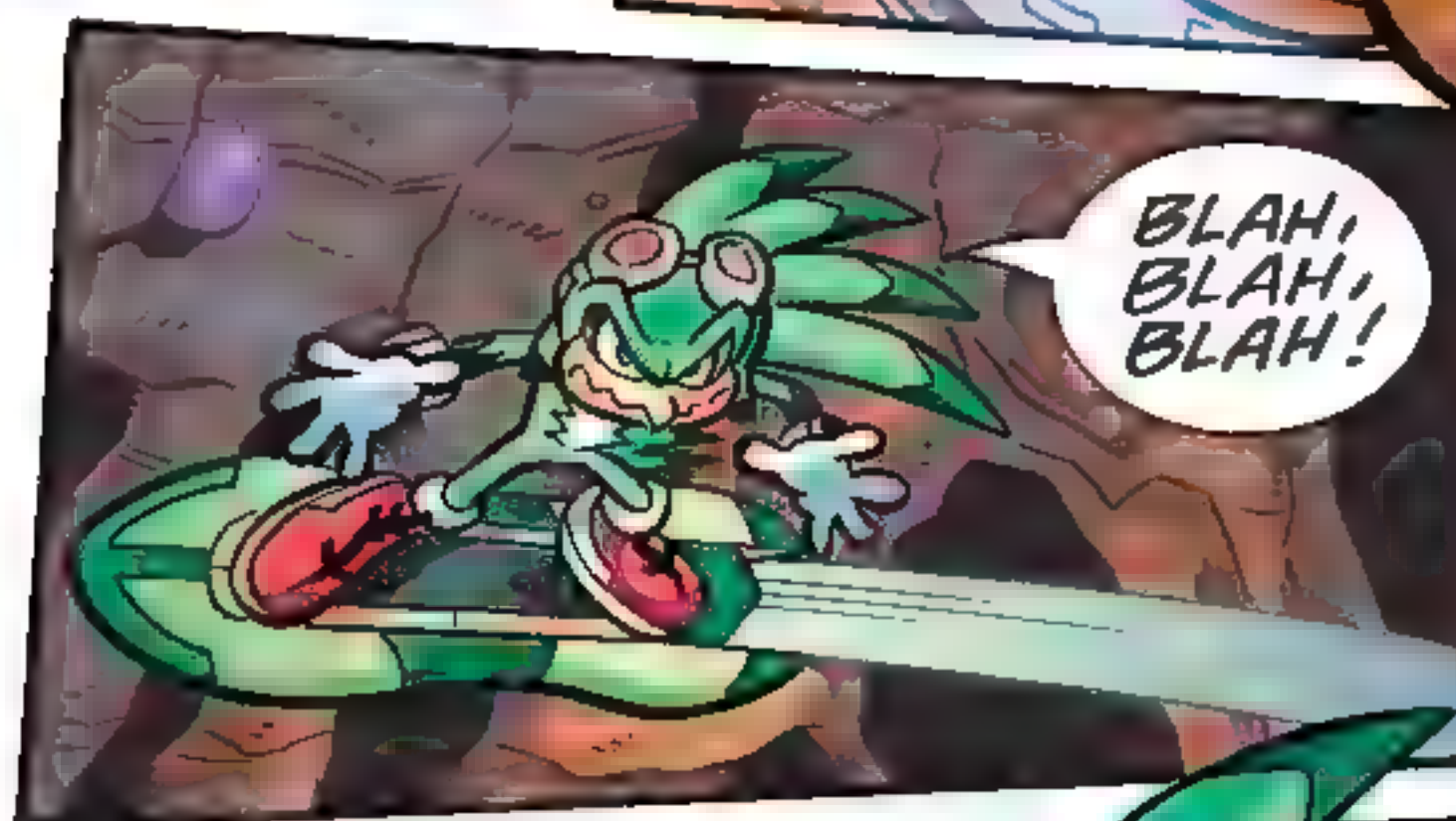
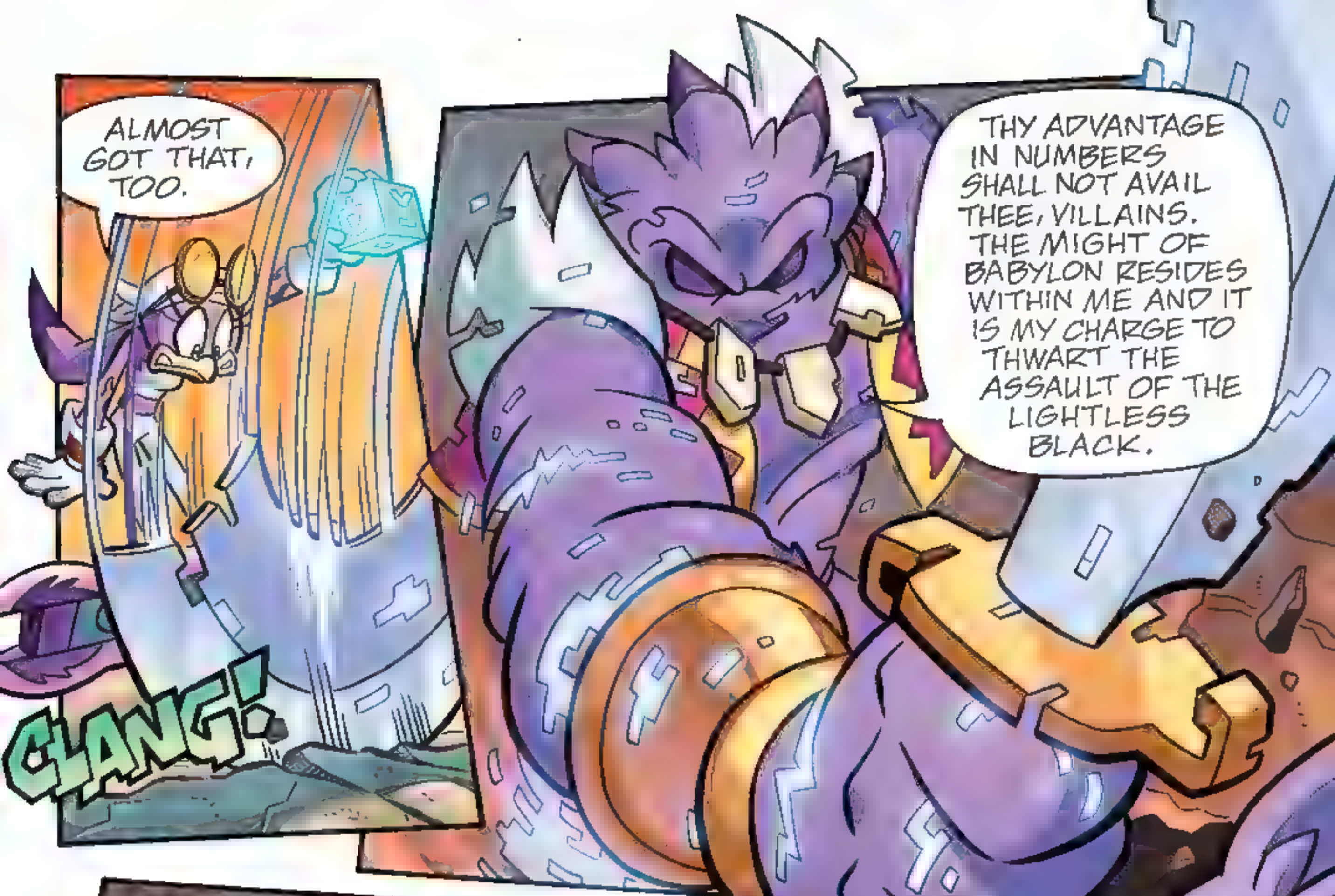
Uh,
DON'T WORRY,
BOSS! I
GOTCHA!

WAVE!
CATCH
THE
KEY!!

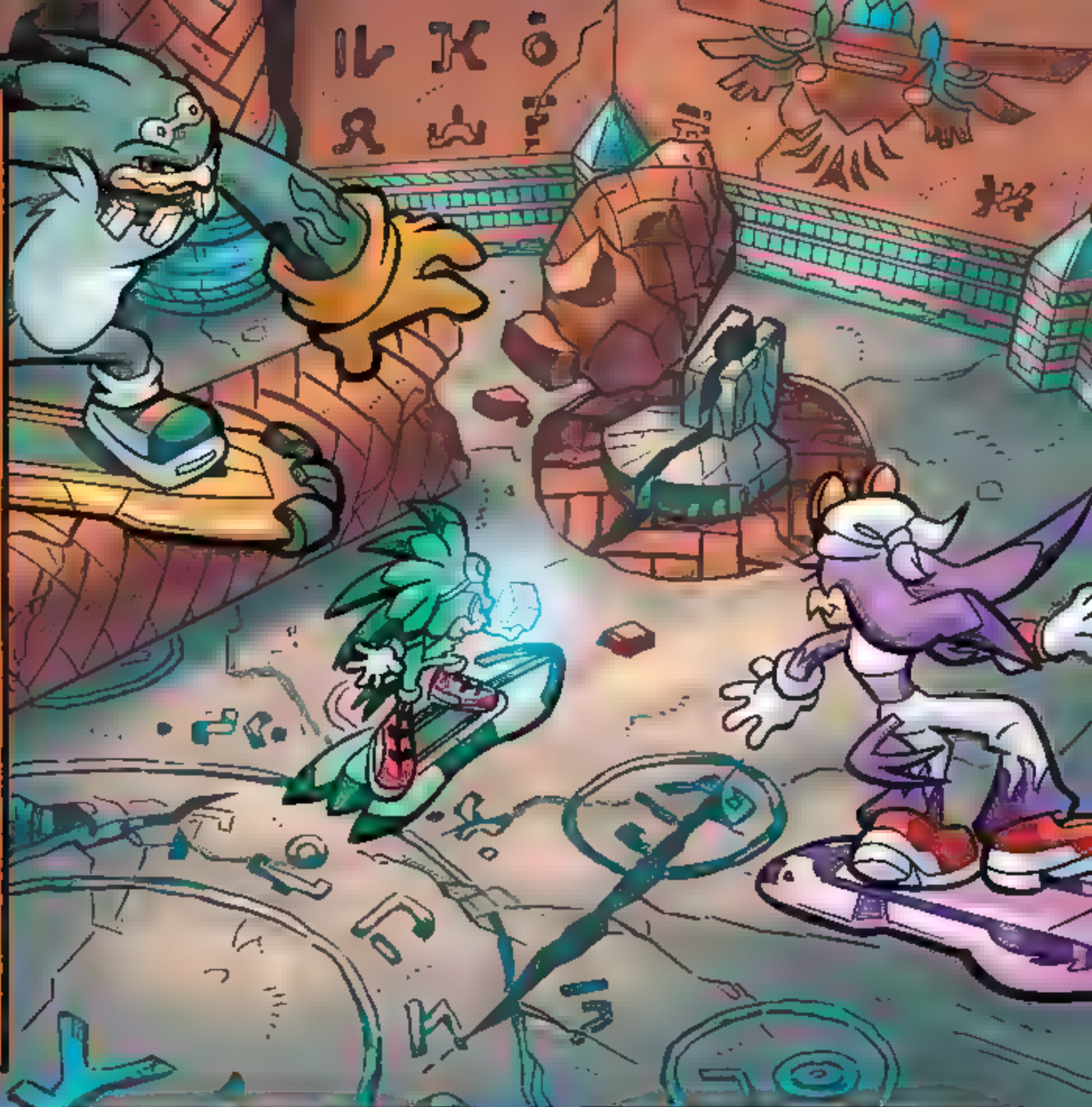
SMASH!

WHOOOF!

GOT
IT!



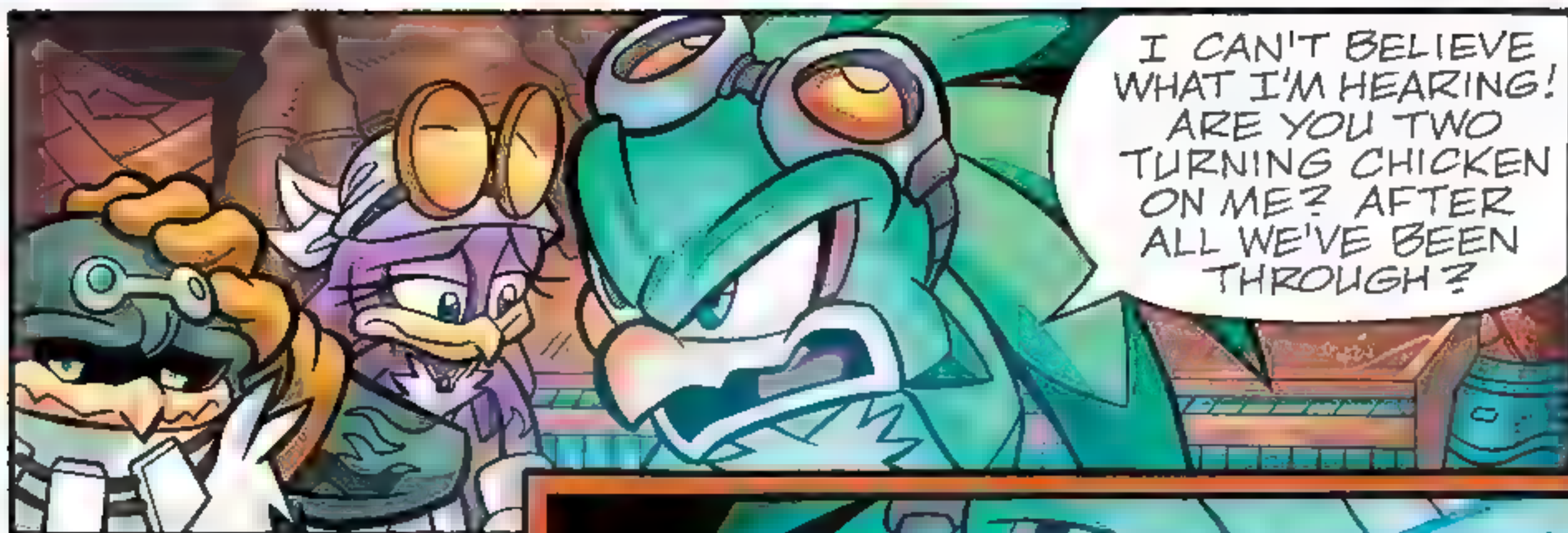
UNDO THY TRANS-
GRESSION WHILST
THOU YET MAY...
THOU HAST BEEN
WARNED.



WELL, ROGUES,
WE GOT WHAT
WE CAME
FOR!

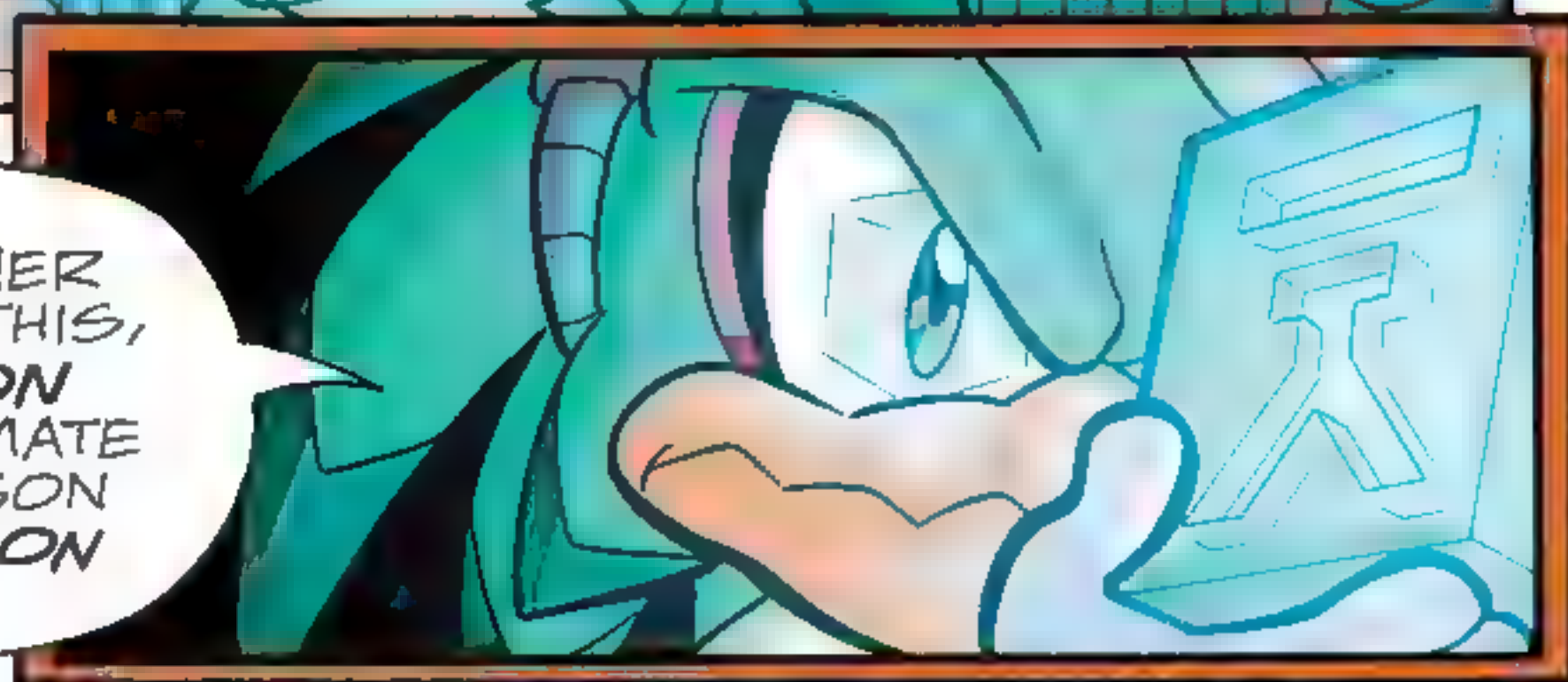
I DON'T KNOW,
JET. SHOULD
WE TAKE IT
AFTER ALL?

YEAH.
THAT LOS
ANGELES GUY
WAS KINDA
SCARY.



I CAN'T BELIEVE
WHAT I'M HEARING!
ARE YOU TWO
TURNING CHICKEN
ON ME? AFTER
ALL WE'VE BEEN
THROUGH?

I THOUGHT WE
WERE IN THIS TOGETHER
AS A TEAM. FINDING THIS,
FINDING THE **BABYLON
GARDEN** IS THE ULTIMATE
PRIZE. IT'S THE REASON
WE ARE THE **BABYLON
ROGUES**...!



"OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE PATH WE STARTED ON TOGETHER?"

THE PAST

ARGH!
IF ONLY
WE HAD
SOME
EXTREME
GEAR!

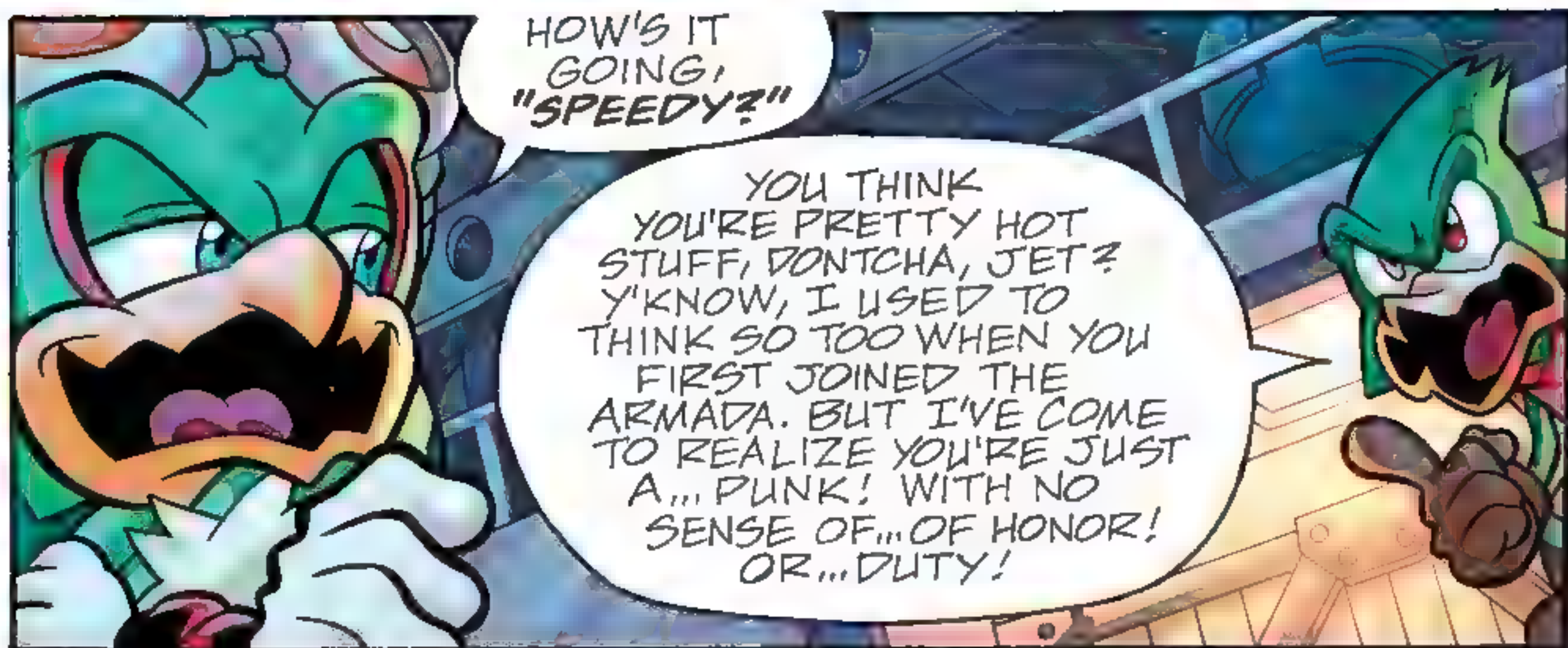
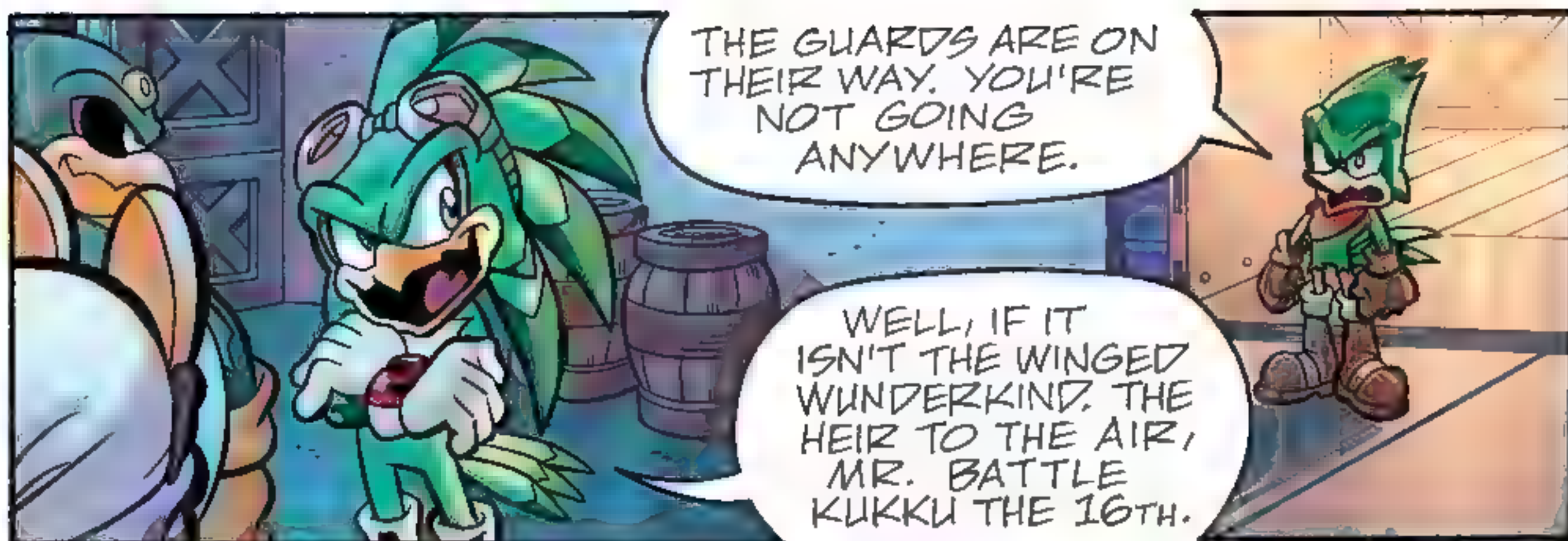
THIS
CLUNKY
ZEPPELIN
WILL HAVE
TO DO FOR
NOW. YOU
GUYS SURE
YOU WANT
TO TAG
ALONG
WITH
ME?

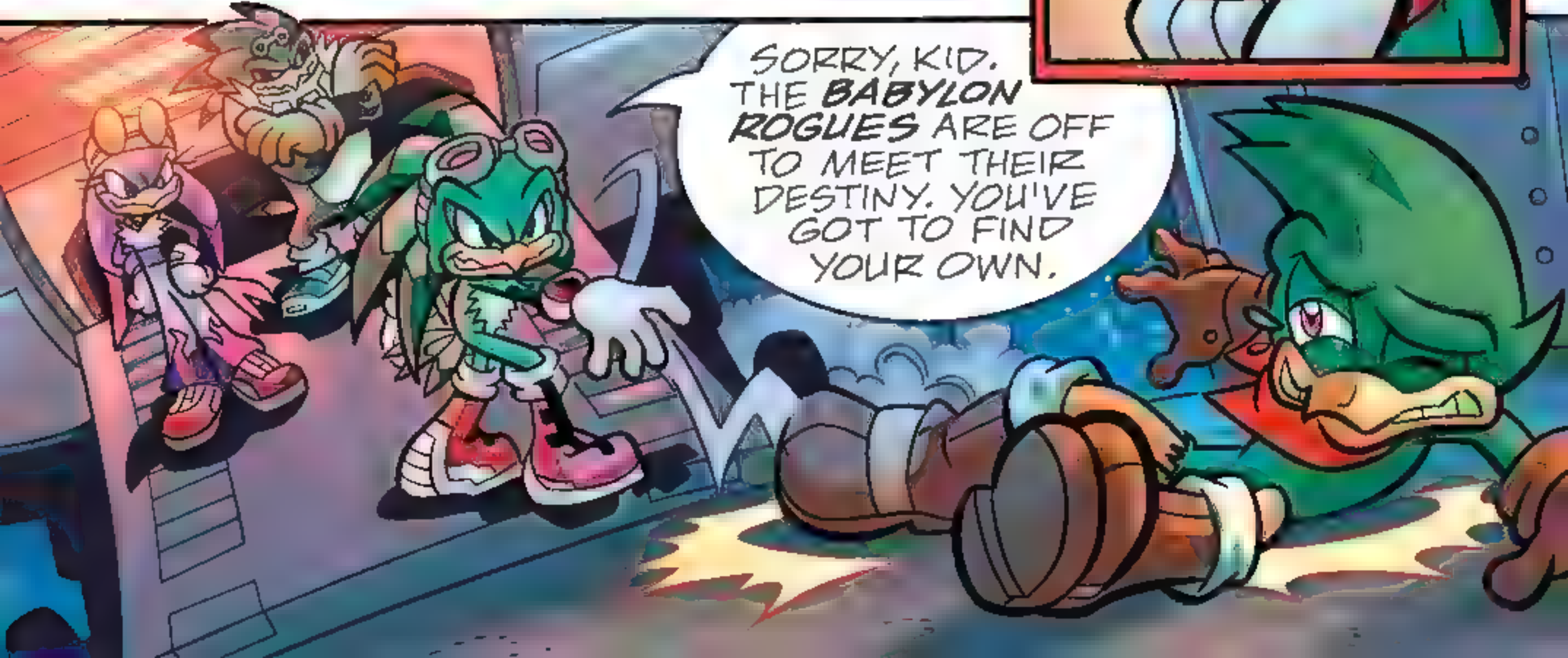
YOU JUST
BUSTED US OUT
OF THE BRIG! I'M
NOT GETTING
THROWN RIGHT
BACK IN! BESIDES,
DR. FUKUROKOV THREW
ME IN THERE OUT OF
JEALOUSY! I HAD
EVERY RIGHT TO
MAKE IMPROVEMENTS
TO HIS PRECIOUS
ENGINES EVEN IF
THEY WERE
UNAUTHORIZED!

I DON'T LIKE
GETTIN' THROWN
IN THE CLINK JUST
'CUZ I CLOBBER A
"SUPERIOR OFFICER".
I DON'T LIKE
SUPERIOR OFFICERS.
I DO LIKE YOU.

FANTASTIC!
WITH OUR COMBINED
SKILLS, WE'LL MAKE THESE
PUFFED UP ARMADA IDIOTS
BEG TO HAVE US BACK.
WE'LL SHOW THE WORLD
WHAT THE DESCENDANTS OF
BABYLON CAN **REALLY** DO.
AND WE WILL SNATCH THE
"GREAT DESTINY" RIGHT
OUT FROM UNDER THE
BATTLE LORD'S BIG
BULBOUS BEAK!

HEY!





OUR
DESTINY!

NOW

WE ROGUES
HAVE STUCK
TOGETHER
THROUGH THICK
AND THIN...

...AND
NOW IT'S
GOING TO
PAY OFF!

Rmmmm

I HATE
TO POINT
OUT THE
OBVIOUS,
BUT...

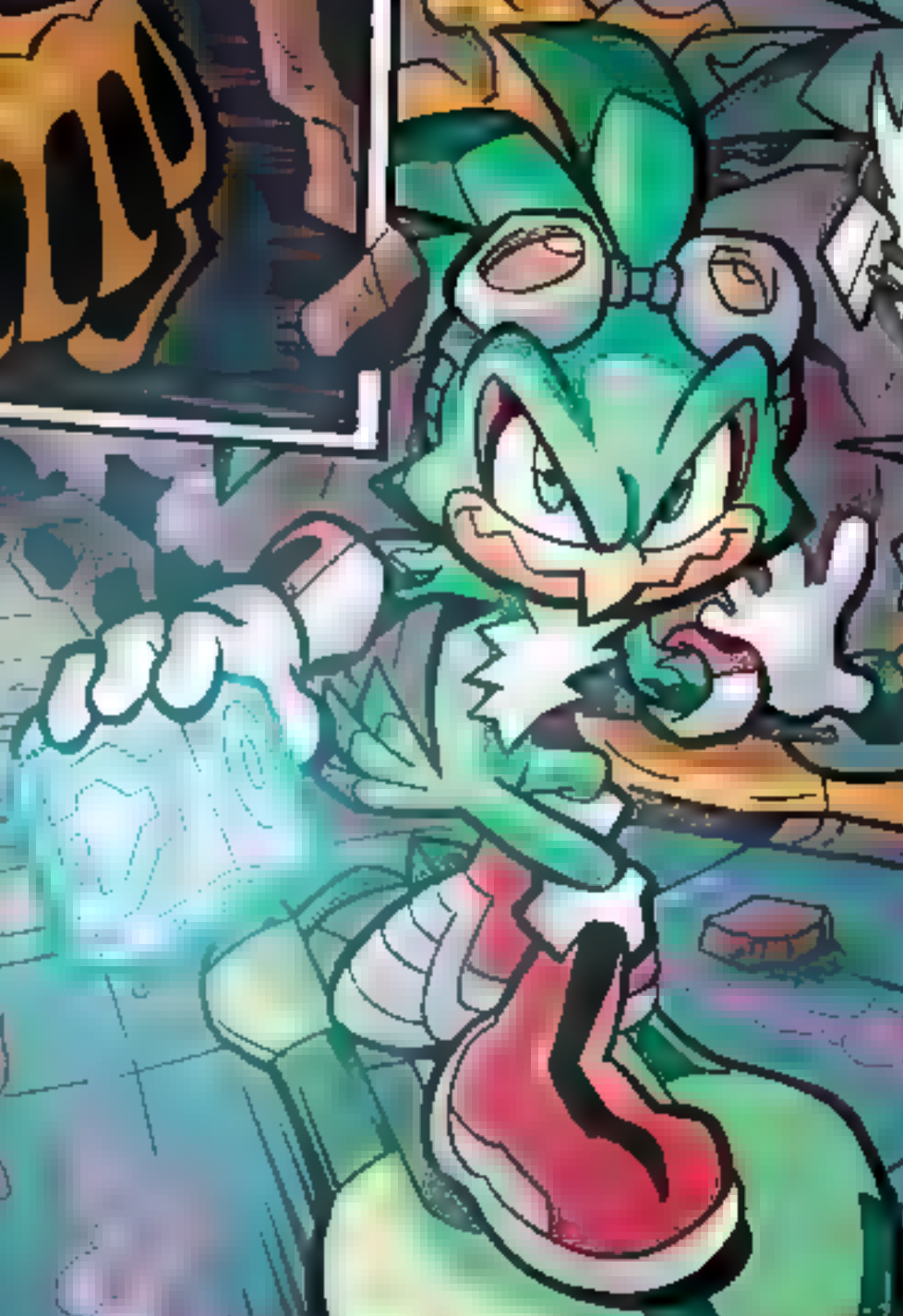
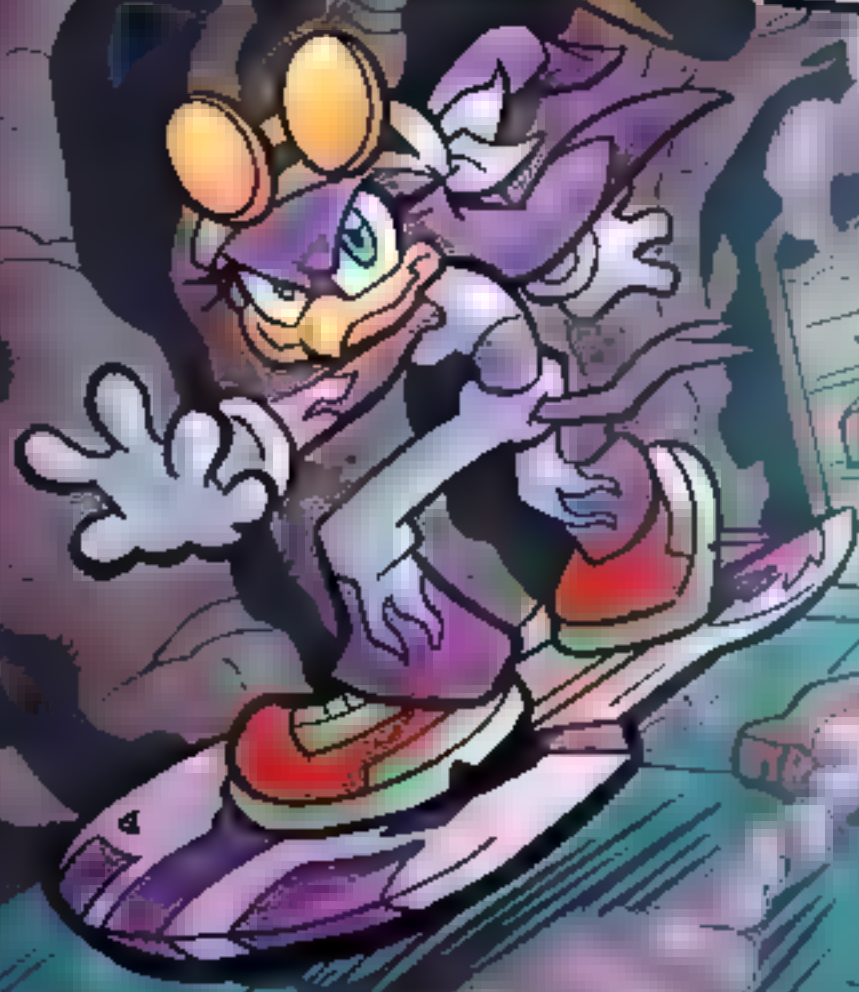
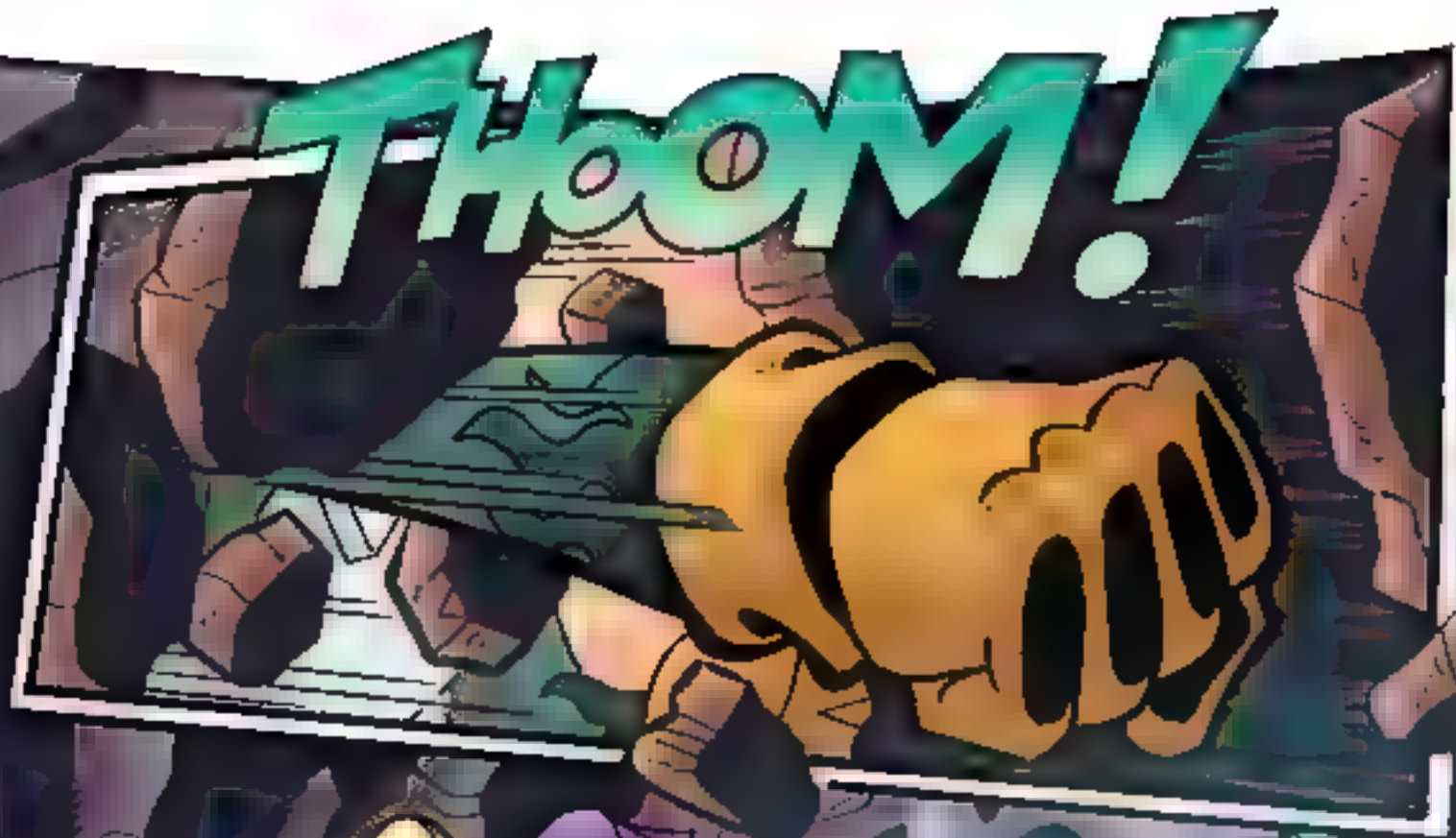
WE'RE
KINDA
TRAPPED.

RRRRUMBLE!!!

THEY HAVEN'T
BUILT A CAGE YET
THAT COULD HOLD THE
BABYLON ROGUES!
STORM?

ONE
EXIT,
COMIN'
UP!

THOOM!



RRRUUMBLE!!!

THE
STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY
OF THE TUNNEL IS
RAPIDLY DETERIORATING!
I ESTIMATE COMPLETE
COLLAPSE IN A MATTER
OF MINUTES!



SO, A BUNCH OF ROCK
IS GONNA SQUISH US
IF WE DON'T GET
OUTTA HERE QUICK,
HUH?



RIGHT.

NO WAY!
WE'VE COME
TOO FAR TO
GET GROUND
INTO BIRD
SEED NOW!
LET'S
BOOK!





CRICK-
CRRRIK!

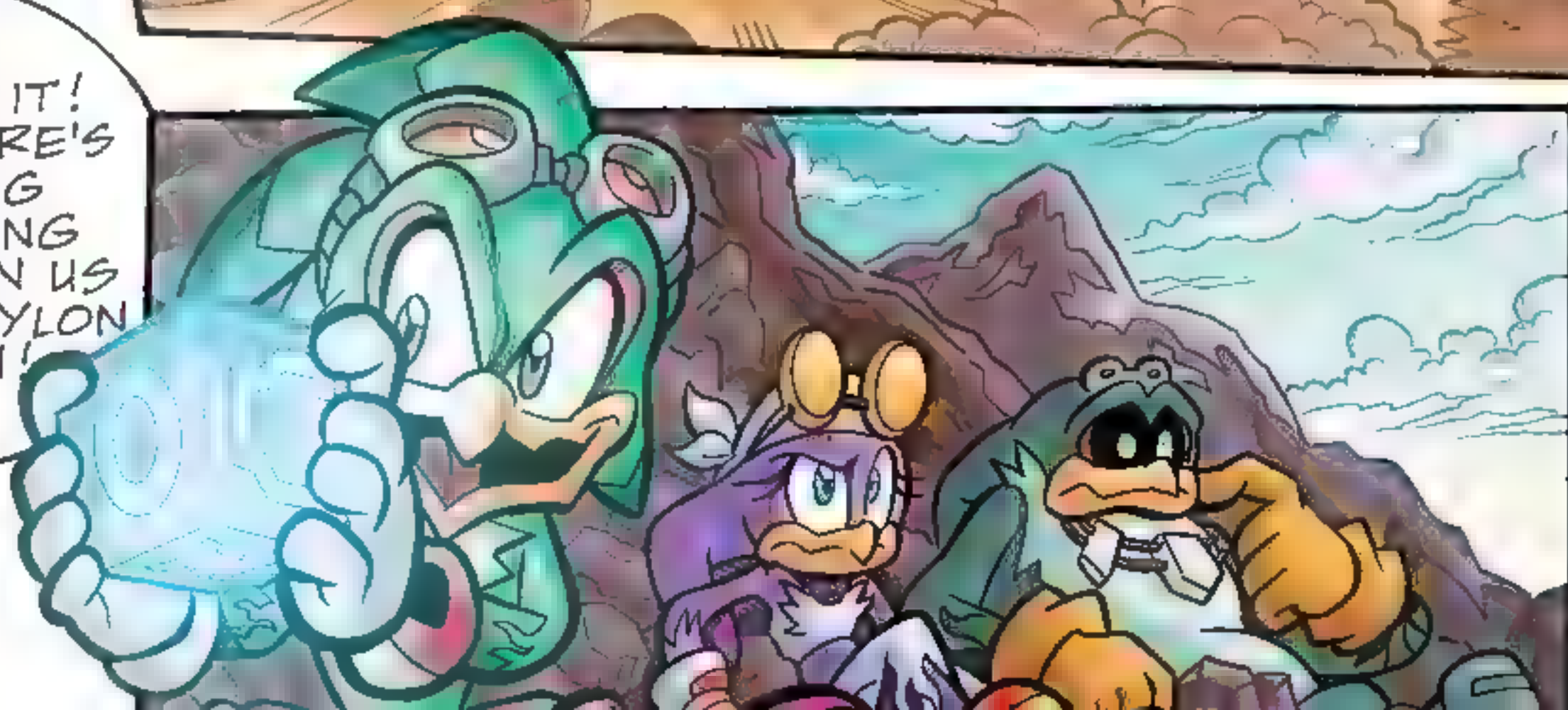
CRACK!
CRACK!

Uh-oh!
SQUISH
TIME!

GO!
GO!
GO!

CRUSHER!!!

HA!
WE GOT IT!
NOW THERE'S
NOTHING
STANDING
BETWEEN US
AND BABYLON
GARDEN!





THOSE
GUYS ARE
IN OUR
WAY.

HELLO,
BABYLON ROGUES.
IT'S TIME TO
MEET YOUR
DESTINY.

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE BABYLON ROGUES HAVE FLOWN OUT OF THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE! BUT IS THEIR GOOSE REALLY COOKED? PICK UP THE NEXT ISSUE OF **SONIC UNIVERSE** TO SEE IF THEY CAN OUTFIGHT THE BATTLEBIRD ARMADA! IN THE MEANTIME, CHECK OUT **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**, THE EVER-EXPANDING **SONIC** GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY, AND THE BRAND-NEW **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL** MAGAZINE!



Sydney D.
from Kentucky



Meagan H.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

SCOURGE:
LOCK DOWN



Matthew S.
from Kentucky

FAN FUNNIES!

Fan Funnies, by Samantha, age 5

So, Scourge,
how do you
like our
sideways
dimension?



It hurts
my neck



Yeah,
mine too

Samantha P. from Pennsylvania

HEY, KIDS!

LOVE "OFF PANEL"?

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LET THE BIRD BRAWL BEGIN! BABYLON RISING

PART 2 (OF 4)

THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA
AND THE BABYLON ROGUES
DUKE IT OUT FOR THE
SECRETS OF THEIR PAST!

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/29/11!

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THE FATE OF SALLY ACORN: REVEALED!

THE EPIC STORY CONCLUDES!
PLUS AN EXCLUSIVE "SONIC
GENERATIONS" STORY!

"...TWO STEPS BACK"

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 11/8/11

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',
I usually don't write to you guys, but the Scourge saga was so awesome, I had no choice. Scourge is my favorite character, and to get 4 whole issues about him was so cool. I loved Tracy Yardley's artwork, and the history of the Destructix along with Fiona's past made it even more fun to read. I hope to see more of our favorite green hedgehog soon. Keep up the good work!

Robert W.
from Kentucky

*Thanks, Robert!
I think that the
"Scourge" arc was
my favorite too!*

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',
Hi!!

Hi!

I'm reading the Genesis series, and it's EPIC!!! I'm also reading the Scourge arc, and I have a few questions...

That's what I'm here for! (Well, that and to read all 4 billion "don't kill Sally!" & the occasional "please kill Sally!" e-mails!)

1) In the first comic of the Scourge arc, who is "King Acorn?!" Is it Sally's DAD?! I sure hope not!

The King Acorn you see in Zone Jail is indeed Sally's dad, but only in the evil "Moebius" zone! Sally's dad on Mobius prime isn't evil, just crotchety!

2) Is the big bully "Smalls" an alternate big or something?! Cuz he sure looks like him!

He is! And he does!

3) Do you think the Werehog could have his own arc? He is one of my fav characters!! I'd like to see what you guys can come up with!

A Werehog arc would make continuity a bit... hairy...ithankyou

Well, I think that's it! Give a big hug to everybody that helps make this comic book possible! I'm a HUGE fan of Sonic!! He's my #1 hedgehog! I'll always be his biggest fan! HAPPY 20th, SONIC!!! We all love you! Keep on fighting for Mobius!!! I'll be rooting for 'ya!!

Emily T.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks, Emily!

*That's all for now!
See y'all next month!*

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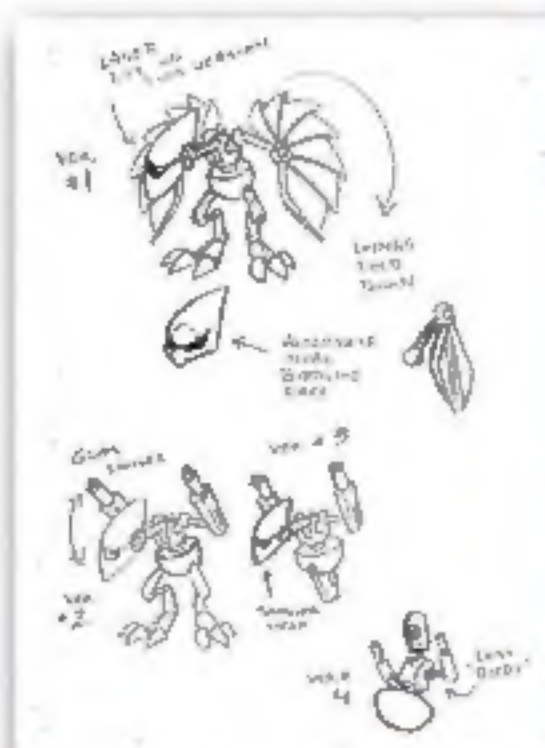


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2011 has been a big year for Sonic the Hedgehog so far, but it's about to get even bigger! In addition to the EPIC "Genesis" saga going on in our sister title, Sonic the Hedgehog, we're launching a brand new magazine title to coincide with Sonic's 20th Anniversary! The SONIC SUPER SPECIAL magazine will include tons of classic Sonic comics, the all-new "Sonic

Time line," news, interviews and features, all with a foil-enhanced SPAZ cover that will really knock your socks off! Check the coupon from this issue to order your copy of the first issue today! In the meantime, we hope you're diggin' "Babylon Rising," and trust me - the ride only gets wilder from here!

-- Paul Kaminski
Editor



BATTLE BIRD ARMADA
DRONE DESIGNS BY
TRACY YARDLEY!



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